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ments in cabinets and cases are secured, the use of poisons for disinfecting—or rather disinsecting—purposes will be less necessary. This year about fifty pounds of naphthaline have been placed in the collection of exotic Coleoptera alone.

The growth of the collections is very satisfactory, and their value is evidenced by the fact that many students from other museums and scientific societies find it necessary to consult them. The *Entomological News* has been continued and Volume XI, just completed, contains 339 pages and 17 plates.

At the annual meeting of the Section, held December 27, the following persons were elected to serve as officers for the year 1901:

<i>Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	Philip Laurent.
<i>Vice-Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	H. W. Wenzel.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	E. T. Cresson.
<i>Conservator and Recorder,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	Henry Skinner.
<i>Secretary,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	C. W. Johnson.
<i>Publication Committee,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	J. H. Ridings, C. W. Johnson.

HENRY SKINNER,

Recorder and Conservator.

REPORT OF THE BOTANICAL SECTION.

The Director of the Botanical Section has pleasure in reporting that the prospects of the botanical interests of the Academy were never better than now. So far as the growth and care of the herbarium is concerned, the report of the Conservator attached hereto details the progress made. The Redfield Memorial Fund of \$20,000, which it was proposed to establish as a mark of gratitude for the life-long devotion to the interests of the Academy of our deceased fellow-member, John H. Redfield, ceased to grow when about one-fourth of the sum had been subscribed, owing to the temporary need of the Academy at that period in another direction. Though the Academy has materially aided in the care of the herbarium by detailing a special assistant to the Curators to assist in the work, the original idea of honoring our deceased friend by a \$20,000 "Memorial Fund" should not be lost sight of through lapse of time.

The growth and care of the herbarium is but a small field in the realm of botany, and there is no reason why the Academy may not occupy in time a foremost place among the institutions of the world in the advancement of this amiable science, when it possesses resources commensurate with the full measure of the task.

Meetings of the Section have been held regularly, except during the three summer months. Valuable communications have been made at each meeting, some of which have been accepted as of original merit for the *Proceedings* of the Academy.

The officers elected for the year ensuing were:

<i>Director</i> ,	Thomas Meehan.
<i>Vice-Director</i> ,	George M. Beringer.
<i>Recorder</i> ,	John W. Harshberger.
<i>Treasurer and Conservator</i> ,	Stewardson Brown.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i> ,	Joseph D. Crawford.
<i>Executive Committee</i> ,	George M. Beringer,
	Thomas Meehan,
	Stewardson Brown,
	Joseph D. Crawford,
	Dr. Ida A. Keller.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS MEEHAN,

Director.

Report of the Conservator.—The mounting of the plants in the general herbarium has been finished through the Exogens, and it is expected that this entire work will be completed during the coming year. The work has been accomplished through the untiring efforts of the Director of the Section, Mr. Thomas Meehan, aided by Mr. Uselma C. Smith, with the official aid of the Conservator, who in May became a member of the working staff of the Academy by his appointment as an assistant to the Curators. He has thus been enabled to devote his entire time to the work in hand, and, with the employment of a permanent assistant in the herbarium, 14,000 sheets of specimens have been arranged during the year.

While a rapid completion of the work of mounting the herbarium would thus be indicated, there yet remains a vast accumulation of material, including the C. W. Short herbarium and several